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SUBJ: DC3 CONVERSION

1. IN EARLY JUNE, JOHN M. CONROY, PRESIDENT OF SPECIALIZED AIRCRAFT CO. FLEW A TRI TURBO-3, WHICH WAS MODIFIED FROM DOUGLAS DC-3/C-47 AIRCRAFT, FROM ITS BASE AT CAMARILLO AIRPORT, CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA TO BANGKOK VIA HAWAII AND THE PHILIPPINES FOR ITS FIRST SERIES OF DEMONSTRATION FLIGHTS ON A ROUND-THE-WORLD SALES TRIP.

2. WITH THREE PRATT & WHITNEY PT-6 TURBO PROPELLER POWER-PLANTS IN OPERATION, THE CRUISING SPEED WAS 225 MILES PER HOUR. WITH TWO WING ENGINES IN OPERATION AND SHUT DOWN OF THE CENTER ENGINE, THE AIRCRAFT CAN FLY A 3,000 MILE PATROL MISSION AT 185 MILES PER HOUR AND LAND WITH FORTY FIVE MINUTES OF RESERVE FUEL. THE DEMONSTRATOR AIRCRAFT WAS EQUIPPED WITH MODERN NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, SEARCH RADAR AND LONG RANGE FUEL TANKS FOR MARITIME PATROL AND SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

3. THE AIRCRAFT HAD THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:

- WING SPAN 94 FEET

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- LENGTH 72 FEET

- BASIC WEIGHT (CARGO CONFIGURATION) 14,000 LBS.

- EMPTY OPERATING WEIGHT 14,500 LBS.

- MAXIMUM TAKEOFF GROSS WEIGHT 29,000 LBS.

- USEFUL LOAD 14,500 LBS.
- FUEL (800 U.S. GALLONS AT 6.7 POUNDS/GALLON)
- PAYLOAD WITH ABOVE FUEL 9,140 LBS.

4. THE AIRCRAFT COST OVER U.S. 500,000 DOLS.

5. THE ROYAL THAI NAVY, THE ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE AND THE
ROYAL THAI ARMY WERE INTERESTED IN THE MODIFIED AIRCRAFT
AND ARE CONSIDERING PURCHASING IT, BUT HAVE MADE NO
COMMITMENT THUS FAR. ABRAMOWITZ

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